है जिनके पास ऐसी अदायगी कराने के लिए आवश्यक शक्तियां तथा संगठन उपलब्ध होते हैं। केन्द्रीय सरकार अपनी ओर से समय-समय पर राज्य सरकारों को सलाह देती रही है कि वे बाकी रकम की अदायगी के लिए आवश्यक उपाय करें। चीनी मिलों की वित्तीय व्यवहार्यता में सुधार करने की दृष्टि से केन्द्रीय सरकार ने 1992-93 सीजन के लिए नई चीनी नीति की घोषणा की है। राज्य सरकारों को सलाह दी गई है कि वे चीनी (नियंत्रण) आदेश 1966 के प्रावधानों के अनुसरण में युक्तियुक्त मूल्य नीति अपनाएं। उक्त आदेश में भार्गव फार्मूले के अनुसार चीनी मिलों और उत्पादकों के बीच लाभ का बंटवारा बराबर-बराबर करने का प्रावधान है। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने चीनी कारखानों को गन्ने की कीमत की अदायगी में तेजी लाने के लिए आवश्यक निर्देश दिए हैं और वह अदायगी की प्रगति पर भी नजर रखे हुए है।

PRICE FIXATION OF LEVY SUGAR BY BICP

3328. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have referred the issue of price fixation of levy sugar to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices;

(b) whether Government have received the recommendation of BICP in this regard;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the efforts made by Government to expedite the matter in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) has been asked to undertake a fresh investigation into the cost structure of the sugar Industry in respect of the sugar years 1993-94 to 1995-96.

(b) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) is expected to submit the report by December 1993.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The BICP is required to formulate its recommendations after undertaking a detailed study of the cost structure of the Sugar Industry. Since BICP has indicated that they would be submitting their report by the end December 93, there would be no undue delay in their submission of the report.

MAINTENANCE OF GODOWNS OF FCI AND CWC IN GUJARAT

3329. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the number of existing storages/warehouses of the Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation in Gujarat particularly in Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar, Junagadh, Amreli and Kutch District as on dates;

(b) whether these storages/godowns are not being maintained properly and foodgrains get perished in these godowns;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the cost of foodgrains perished in Government godowns, during 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and as on date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The number of godowns/warehouses (covered & CAP) available with Food Corporation of India

Central Warehousing Corporation in Gujarat particularly in Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar, Jungadh, Amreli and Kutch District as on 1-11-93 are as follows :

Statement

State/District	FCI	CWC
Gujarat (State)	42*	26
Rajkot District	3	2
Jamnagar District	2	1
Bhavnagar District	2	1
Junagarh District	1	—
Amreli District	—	—
Kutch District	2	2

*includes 9 warehouses hired from CWC.

(b) to (d) The godowns/warehouses of FCI/CWC are maintained properly and there has been no damage to the foodgrains stored due to improper maintenance. However, some damage of foodgrains stored in the godowns of Food Corporation of India due to rains, floods cyclones etc. cannot be ruled out. The steps taken to avoid foodgrain damages are given as the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(e) The cost of foodgrains damaged in FCI's stocks in Gujarat due to natural causes like rains, floods etc., during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as follows :—

Statement

As on	Rs. in lakhs
1990-91	3.45
1991-92	3.16
1992-93	2.73
1993-94	This will become available after finalisation of Annual Accounts of FCI.

STATEMENT

(i) FCI Stores foodgrains in the godowns built on scientific lines which are rodent proof and damp proof.

(ii) Qualified and technically trained staff are deployed for periodical inspection and proper upkeep of foodgrais.

(iii) Foodgrains are stored on scientific lines and pest control measures are undertaken regularly.

(iv) Sometimes, on account of acute paucity of covered storage as also movement constraints, the FCI compelled is to store wheat and paddy in the open under the scientifically designed system for temporary storage, called CAP (Cover and Plinth). Following steps are taken to protect the foodgrains stored in CAP :

(a) Stocks are stored on Wooden Crates and covered with specially fabricated low density black polythene (LDPE) covers which are water proof

so as to protect the foodgrains from rains.

(b) Nylon ropes are provided for proper lashing of polythene covers to prevent damages by blowing of covers during storms.

(c) Monofilament nets and cover tops are provided in major CAP Complexes for additional protection to grains from vagaries of weather.

(d) Aeration of stocks, stored in CAP and godowns is done regularly to maintain the health of the stocks and also to avoid damage by condensation on account of humidity and temperature variations.

(e) Stacks are built in dome shape so as to avoid any stagnation of water on the top.

(f) The stocks stored in CAP and godowns are subject to regular inspection and given treatment wherever required for control of insect infestation and infestation by other pests like rodents, brids etc.

(g) Movement of foodgrains from one place to another is done in covered wagons as far as possible. Wherever stocks are moved in open wagons the same are covered properly with tarpaulni to avoid damages in transit.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SUGAR FACTORY IN GUJARAT

3330. SHRI ANATRAY DEVESHANKER DAVE :

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal from Gujarat State for change of the location of establishment of a new Sugar factory;

(b) if so, at which stage the proposal is lying;

(c) by when the matter is likely to be finalised;

(d) how many proposals have been received from Gujarat for establishment of new sugar factories;

(e) what steps have been taken up by the Central Government; and

(f) when these proposals are likely to be finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The Central Government has received six proposals for change of location of new sugar factories in Gujarat. In five cases, approvals have been granted and necessary amendments have also been made in the Letters of Intent. The required information in respect of the remaining one case has been received and is being processed.

(d) to (f) The Central Government has received 13 proposals for establishment of new sugar factories in Gujarat. Letters of Intent have been granted in two cases and the remaining 11 cases have been rejected.

IMPORT OF WHEAT

3331. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have stopped the import of wheat from foreign countries; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool maintained by the Government during the current year are very comfortable and it can well meet the requirement of Public Distribution System. Hence the question of importing wheat by the Government at present does not arise.